

Nomination Packet

2003-2004 Awards
for

Achievement In Reducing Emissions

Presented by



Nomination Deadline: August 12, 2004

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) invites you to apply for the 2003/2004 Achievement In Reducing Emissions (AIRE) Awards, which recognize businesses, industries, agencies, organizations, schools and/or individuals ("Nominee") who have made outstanding contributions to local air quality by reducing and/or preventing air pollution emissions within the Antelope Valley.

The purpose of these unique Awards is to celebrate the innovative and creative spirit of District constituents who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary air pollution reduction and prevention efforts. In turn, it is hoped that the achievements of AIRE Award recipients will inspire others to find innovative and effective ways to protect the Antelope Valley's air quality.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All entries must be postmarked or date-stamped by AVAQMD staff no later than Thursday, August 12, 2004 at 5:00 P.M.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by a second party.
- The nominated business, industry, agency, organization, or school must be located within the AVAQMD's jurisdictional boundaries. Either entire school or individual classroom projects will be accepted. Nominated individuals must reside within District boundaries.
- The activity/project must be voluntary or, for regulated industry, above and beyond regulatory requirements.
- The activity/project must be aimed at the reduction or prevention of air pollution within the AVAQMD's jurisdiction.
- The activity/project must have been implemented sometime between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.
- As part of the selection process, the Awards Committee may request to visit the activity/project site on a prearranged date.
- In selecting Award recipients, the Awards Committee will consider:
 1. The activity's/project's capacity for improvement to air quality, quantifiable and/or projected, as determined by the Awards Committee based on the information provided by the Nominator;
 2. Innovation, creativity and resourcefulness in approach or technology;
 3. Ongoing or long-term benefits;
 4. Comprehensive environmental philosophy; and
 5. Replicability of the activity/project.

NOMINATION SUMMARY

Describe your nominated activity/project in a Nomination Summary consisting of **three pages or less**. The Nomination Summary is the statement of the problem and solution. This information may be published for public distribution. Please organize your Nomination Summary as follows:

1. **Air Pollution Problem** -- Describe the problem, which your activity/project attempts to solve, and explain the unique or critical factors that led to the development of your activity/project. Please include activity/project implementation dates.
2. **"Pollution Solution"** -- Describe the steps taken by the Nominee to address the air pollution problem.
3. **Innovation, Resourcefulness and Vision** -- Keeping these three factors in mind, describe unique features of your activity/project. These factors will be given substantial consideration during the selection process.
4. **Results** -- (a) Describe the results of your air pollution reduction and/or prevention efforts and quantify the benefits of your activity/project on air quality in the Antelope Valley; (b) Describe the activity's/project's impact on improving operations, quality of product and/or services to the community, as applicable. (c) Describe what benefits have already been effected, as well as any which are expected to occur in the future.

For Teachers only -- Please describe the benefits that implementation of the activity/project has effected on your students relative to air quality. Teachers may tailor the "Results" section of their Nomination Summary to the educational effects of the activity/project on the students, the school and/or the community, in lieu of responding to Section (4)(b) above.
5. **Additional Environmental Activities** -- Describe other environmental activities which the Nominee has been involved with.
6. **Supporting Materials** -- Limited supporting materials will be accepted, but may or may not be considered.
7. **Project Contact Person** -- List the name, title, address and phone number of the individual who may be contacted regarding this project.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The AIRE Awards will be presented in conjunction with Pollution Prevention Week, September 20-26, 2004. Winners will have their name engraved on the AIRE Recipients' Commemorative Plaque, which is permanently displayed at the AVAQMD's Lancaster offices. Winners will also receive the attendant publicity associated with earning this distinctive honor, such as recognition in the AVAQMD's newsletter and in local media outlets.

NOMINATION SUBMITTAL

Complete the attached Nomination Form and attach it to your Nomination Summary. Mail or deliver **two copies** of the Nomination Form and the Nomination Summary, no later than the submission deadline listed above and on the Form to:

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
43301 Division Street, Suite 206
Lancaster, CA 93535-4649

Please direct any questions on the AIRE Awards or on this package to Bret Banks, AVAQMD Operations Manager at (661) 723-8070.

Thank you for your commitment to clean air, and best of luck!

ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



2003-2004 AIRE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Name _____

Type of Business or Organization, if Applicable: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Name as it should appear on the Award: _____

ABOUT THE NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone Number: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH YOUR NOMINATION SUMMARY TO THIS FORM.
ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR DATE STAMPED BY AVAQMD STAFF NO
LATER THAN AUGUST 12 AT 5:00 P.M.**

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